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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director (Coordination)

SUBJECT : Effect on the Functions of the Special Assistant for Planning and Coordination by Establishment of the Office of Deputy Director (Coordination)

1. The purpose of this memorandum is to call to your attention the official statement of missions and functions of the office of the Special Assistant for Planning and Coordination as set forth in [REDACTED] dated 27 October 1954 and the manner in which it might well be changed to accord with the missions and functions now assigned to the Deputy Director (Coordination). The purpose is also to indicate to you the actual coordinating functions now conducted by the office in order that a determination can be made as to whether any change in the location of these functions is required.

2. As a means of dealing with the first of these purposes, I have set forth as Tab A the current statement of missions and functions of the Special Assistant for Planning and Coordination with amendments (indicated by deletions in brackets and insertions underlined) required by the establishment of the DD(C) mission and functions.

3. As a matter of current business, there are only two functions conducted by this office which deal with coordination and which on inspection I suspect we will both agree ought to be left in this office. However, these functions which have overtones of integration and duplication as well as coordination will be subject to review by your office from time to time on the initiation of either of us.

4. I refer to the interagency implications of Project AQUATONE and the coordination of External Research. In the case of AQUATONE, as you well know, that Project is a joint one with the Air Force, and there exist established procedures whereby we work together. To insure that AQUATONE serves the intelligence community, there exists an Ad Hoc Committee for requirements on AQUATONE (ARC) composed of Army, Navy, Air Force, NSA, with CIA as Chairman (but including designated representatives of the Offices of Scientific Intelligence, Research and Reports, and Current Intelligence, along with the observers: The Special Assistant (Planning) to the DD/I and the Chief of [REDACTED] The State Department is kept informed of the proceedings of this committee but so far has not found it necessary to have a representative present. In addition to formulating requirements, this committee also has been the interagency forum for reaching agreements dealing with the security system for handling the products of AQUATONE and for agreements bearing upon the

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processing and preliminary reporting on the materials. The Director has established by agreement with the other agencies a Utilization Advisory Board composed of representatives of the Army, Navy, Air Force, and NSA under the chairmanship of the ID/I whose function is to insure that the products of AQUATONE are imaginatively exploited to the benefit of the community and that proper procedure is established for the removal of information obtained by AQUATONE when properly sanitized.

5. Inquiries which your office may wish to make with regard to the interagency relationship of AQUATONE, particularly with the Air Force should be directed to me. Inquiries regarding the coordinative efforts of the ABC I am asking Mr. [REDACTED] of this office to handle in the first instance. And, of course, Mr. Amory, Chairman of the Utilization Advisory Board, or Mr. [REDACTED] the Secretary, would be proper officials to whom inquiries regarding the operations of that Board might be placed.

6. With regard to the role of this office in the conduct and coordination of Agency external research, the pertinent CIA regulation is attached at Tab B for your information. Under my direction Mr. [REDACTED] of my staff performs the following activities in this regard:

- a. Coordinates Agency external research except, as required by referenced regulation, scientific and technical projects of TSS and Commo. Some coordination is necessary with certain TSS projects and is performed.
- b. Supervises CIA interest in and support of the State/ External Research Staff which maintains files and publishes inventories in support of interagency coordination of research.
- c. Represents CIA on the Defense Advisory Panel on Research in Special Operations, which is concerned with areas of interest to CIA in [REDACTED] and intelligence.
- d. Supervises CIA support of research at the Center for [REDACTED]
- e. Participates in interagency coordination of external research under the framework of the Social Science Research Group. The activity of this group is informal - no meetings are held.

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f. Although the referenced regulation excludes scientific and technical projects of TSS and Commo;

(1) Assists SA/PC/DCI on matters pertaining to DCI's Scientific Advisory Board and Project [REDACTED] designed to develop hardware and techniques in support of operations.

(2) Assists SA/PC/DCI in coordination of CIA interest in certain technical developments which might provide new methods for intelligence collection.

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7. In addition Messrs. [REDACTED] have assisted me in miscellaneous matters from time to time, i.e.: reviewed Agency war planning and CIA responsibilities for implementation of Killian Technological Capabilities Panel recommendations, prepared responses from the office on questions arising from Davis Subcommittee investigations, etc.

"SIGNED"

[REDACTED]  
Special Assistant to the Director  
for Planning and Coordination

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Attachments

Tab A  
Tab B

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